

**SANDBANKS**

**PROVINCIAL**

**PARK**

**BIRD**

**CHECKLIST**

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## SANDBANKS PROVINCIAL PARK BIRD CHECKLIST

Welcome to Sandbanks Provincial Park. This list includes 246 species of birds that have been seen at the park. Sandbanks comprises approximately 1700 hectares of land and water. Habitats include coniferous and deciduous forests, marsh, pannes, old and cultivated fields, three lakes and the Outlet River. These diverse habitats provide for a wide variety of birdlife.

This list was compiled from both park records and sightings provided by visitors. All attempts have been made to create an accurate list; however, new input is always important. Any records would be greatly appreciated, particularly of those species listed as rare or casual. Winter records are also important, as the park has few records of birds at this time of year. Please direct this information or any comments/questions you have about this checklist to the Park Naturalist. As more information is collected, many species may be found to be more numerous than previously recorded. Happy birding!

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## Codes Used In This Checklist

**C - Common.** Should be found in suitable habitat with little difficulty.

**U - Uncommon.** Present in suitable habitat, but in lesser numbers than above. May require a concentrated effort to locate.

**R - Rare.** Present most years, but in very low numbers. Often requires repeated visits to locate.

**X - Casual.** Three sightings or less.

**Sp - Spring.** The period when a species is migrating to its breeding area.

**Su - Summer.** The nesting period.

**Fa - Fall.** The period when a species is migrating to its wintering area.\*

**Wi - Winter.** The over-wintering period.

Note: Seasons vary, depending on species. Spring starts for most waterfowl, for example, in March, but smaller birds do not usually migrate through until May. The fall season can be even more confusing, with many shorebirds returning south anytime in July, smaller birds (eg. warblers) wait until August or September, and waterfowl until October or even later.



Sp Su Fa Wi

## LOONS & GREBES

Red-throated Loon .....	X	X	R	-
Common Loon .....	U	R	U	-
Pied-billed Grebe .....	U	U	U	X
Horned Grebe .....	C	X	C	R
Red-necked Grebe .....	U	-	R	-

## PELICANS

American White Pelican .....	-	X	-	-
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## CORMORANTS & HERONS

Double-crested Cormorant .....	C	U	C	X
Anhinga .....	-	-	X	-
American Bittern .....	R	R	R	-
Least Bittern .....	U	U	U	-
Great Blue Heron .....	C	C	C	-
Great Egret .....	-	X	-	-
Green-backed Heron .....	U	U	U	-
Black-crowned Night-heron .....	R	R	R	-

## SWANS, GEESE & DUCKS

Tundra Swan .....	R	X	R	X
Mute Swan .....	X	X	X	X
Snow Goose .....	-	-	R	X
Brant .....	R	-	R	-
Canada Goose .....	C	X	C	R
Wood Duck .....	U	-	U	-
Green-winged Teal .....	C	-	C	-
American Black Duck .....	C	U	C	-
Mallard .....	C	C	C	R
Northern Pintail .....	C	-	U	-
Blue-winged Teal .....	C	C	C	-

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<b>SWANS, GEESE &amp; DUCKS (cont'd)</b>				
Northern Shoveler . . . . .	R	-	R	-
Gadwall . . . . .	X	-	R	-
American Wigeon . . . . .	C	-	U	-
Canvasback . . . . .	C	-	C	-
Redhead . . . . .	U	X	U	-
Ring-necked Duck . . . . .	C	-	R	-
Greater Scaup . . . . .	C	-	C	R
Lesser Scaup . . . . .	C	-	C	-
Harlequin Duck . . . . .	-	-	X	X
Oldsquaw . . . . .	C	-	-	C
Black Scoter . . . . .	X	-	-	-
Surf Scoter . . . . .	X	-	-	-
White-winged Scoter . . . . .	C	R	C	X
Common Goldeneye . . . . .	C	-	U	C
Bufflehead . . . . .	C	-	C	U
Hooded Merganser . . . . .	U	-	R	-
Common Merganser . . . . .	C	-	C	C
Red-breasted Merganser . . . . .	C	-	C	-

## **VULTURES, EAGLES & HAWKS**

Turkey Vulture . . . . .	C	R	C	-
Osprey . . . . .	R	R	R	-
Bald Eagle . . . . .	X	-	-	R
Northern Harrier . . . . .	C	U	C	X
Sharp-shinned Hawk . . . . .	U	X	C	X
Cooper's Hawk . . . . .	X	X	R	-
Northern Goshawk . . . . .	X	X	R	-
Red-shouldered Hawk . . . . .	R	-	R	-
Broad-winged Hawk . . . . .	R	X	R	-
Red-tailed Hawk . . . . .	C	U	C	U
Rough-legged Hawk . . . . .	U	-	U	R

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<b>VULTURES, EAGLES &amp; HAWKS</b> (cont'd)				
Golden Eagle .....	-	-	X	-
American Kestrel .....	C	U	C	-
Merlin .....	-	-	X	-
Peregrine Falcon .....	-	-	X	X

### **GROUSE & TURKEYS**

Gray Partridge .....	X	X	X	X
Ring-necked Pheasant .....	X	-	-	-
Ruffed Grouse .....	C	C	C	C
Wild Turkey .....	U	U	U	U

### **RAILS, GALLINULES & COOTS**

Virginia Rail .....	R	X	R	X
Sora .....	U	R	U	-
Common Moorhen .....	C	C	C	-
American Coot .....	U	X	U	-

### **SHOREBIRDS**

Black-bellied Plover .....	U	-	U	-
Lesser Golden Plover .....	-	-	X	-
Semipalmated Plover .....	U	-	C	-
Piping Plover .....	X	-	-	-
Killdeer .....	C	C	C	-
Greater Yellowlegs .....	U	X	C	-
Lesser Yellowlegs .....	R	-	R	-
Solitary Sandpiper .....	R	R	R	-
Willet .....	-	X	-	-
Spotted Sandpiper .....	C	C	C	-
Upland Sandpiper .....	X	X	-	-
Whimbrel .....	-	-	X	-

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<b>SHOREBIRDS (cont'd)</b>				
Ruddy Turnstone .....	U	-	U	-
Red Knot .....	-	-	R	-
Sanderling .....	U	-	C	-
Semipalmated Sandpiper .....	U	-	C	-
Least Sandpiper .....	C	-	C	-
White-rumped Sandpiper .....	-	-	R	-
Baird's Sandpiper .....	X	-	R	-
Pectoral Sandpiper .....	R	-	C	-
Dunlin .....	C	-	C	-
Short-billed Dowitcher .....	R	-	R	-
Long-billed Dowitcher .....	X	-	X	-
Common Snipe .....	C	C	U	-
American Woodcock .....	C	C	U	-
Wilson's Phalarope .....	X	-	X	-
Red-necked Phalarope .....	-	-	X	-

## GULLS & TERNS

Little Gull .....	-	-	C	-
Bonaparte's Gull .....	U	R	C	-
Ring-billed Gull .....	C	C	C	U
Herring Gull .....	C	R	C	C
Lesser Black-backed Gull .....	-	-	-	X
Great Black-backed Gull .....	C	U	C	U
Caspian Tern .....	C	C	C	-
Common Tern .....	U	U	C	-
Black Tern .....	C	C	C	-

## DOVES, PIGEONS & CUCKOOS

Rock Dove .....	U	U	U	U
Mourning Dove .....	C	C	C	U
Black-billed Cuckoo .....	R	U	U	-



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<b>DOVES, PIGEONS &amp; CUCKOOS</b> (cont'd)				
Yellow-billed Cuckoo .....	-	-	X	-

### **OWLS & GOATSUCKERS**

Eastern Screech Owl .....	-	R	-	-
Great Horned Owl .....	C	C	C	C
Snowy Owl .....	-	-	-	R
Barred Owl .....	-	-	-	X
Long-eared Owl .....	-	-	-	X
Short-eared Owl .....	X	X	-	-
Northern Saw-whet Owl .....	-	-	X	-
Common Nighthawk .....	U	U	U	-
Whip-poor-will .....	-	X	X	-

### **SWIFTS, HUMMINGBIRDS & KINGFISHERS**

Chimney Swift .....	U	U	U	-
Ruby-throated Hummingbird .....	C	C	C	-
Belted Kingfisher .....	C	C	C	X

### **WOODPECKERS**

Red-headed Woodpecker .....	C	C	R	-
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker .....	U	-	U	-
Downy Woodpecker .....	C	C	C	U
Hairy Woodpecker .....	C	U	C	R
Three-toed Woodpecker .....	-	-	-	X
Black-backed Woodpecker .....	-	-	X	-
Northern Flicker .....	C	C	C	-
Pileated Woodpecker .....	U	U	U	R

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<b>FLYCATCHERS</b>				
Eastern Wood Peewee .....	C	C	U	-
Yellow-bellied Flycatcher .....	R	-	U	-
Alder Flycatcher .....	U	-	C	-
Willow Flycatcher .....	U	R	U	-
Least Flycatcher .....	C	C	C	-
Eastern Phoebe .....	C	C	C	-
Great Crested Flycatcher .....	C	C	C	-
Eastern Kingbird .....	C	C	C	-

### LARKS & SWALLOWS

Horned Lark .....	U	U	U	C
Purple Martin .....	U	U	U	-
Tree Swallow .....	C	C	C	-
Northern Rough-winged Swallow .....	C	C	C	-
Bank Swallow .....	C	U	C	-
Cliff Swallow .....	U	R	U	-
Barn Swallow .....	C	C	C	-

### JAYS & CROWS

Gray Jay .....	-	-	X	-
Blue Jay .....	C	C	C	C
American Crow .....	C	C	C	C

### TITMICE

Black-capped Chickadee .....	C	C	C	C
Boreal Chickadee .....	-	-	X	-
Tufted Titmouse .....	-	-	X	-

### NUTHATCHES & CREEPERS

Red-breasted Nuthatch .....	C	U	C	U
White-breasted Nuthatch .....	C	U	C	U

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# **NUTHATCHES & CREEPERS (cont'd)**

Brown Creeper . . . . .	C	C	U	U
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## **WRENS, KINGLETS & GNATCATCHERS**

House Wren . . . . .	C	C	C	-
Winter Wren . . . . .	U	-	U	-
Sedge Wren . . . . .	R	R	R	-
Marsh Wren . . . . .	C	C	C	-
Golden-crowned Kinglet . . . . .	C	-	C	R
Ruby-crowned Kinglet . . . . .	C	X	C	-
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher . . . . .	U	R	U	-

## **THRUSHES & MIMIDS**

Eastern Bluebird . . . . .	R	-	R	-
Veery . . . . .	C	U	C	-
Gray-cheeked Thrush . . . . .	X	-	X	-
Swainson's Thrush . . . . .	U	-	U	-
Hermit Thrush . . . . .	C	-	U	-
Wood Thrush . . . . .	U	X	U	-
American Robin . . . . .	C	C	C	R
Gray Catbird . . . . .	C	C	C	-
Northern Mockingbird . . . . .	R	-	R	-
Brown Thrasher . . . . .	C	C	C	-

## **PIPITS, WAXWINGS & SHRIKES**

Water Pipit . . . . .	R	-	R	-
Cedar Waxwing . . . . .	C	C	U	R
Northern Shrike . . . . .	R	-	R	R
Loggerhead Shrike . . . . .	-	X	-	-

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<b>STARLINGS &amp; VIREOS</b>				
European Starling . . . . .	C	C	C	C
Solitary Vireo . . . . .	C	-	C	-
Yellow-throated Vireo . . . . .	-	-	X	-
Warbling Vireo . . . . .	C	C	C	-
Philadelphia Vireo . . . . .	X	X	X	-
Red-eyed Vireo . . . . .	C	U	C	-

## WOOD WARBLERS

Blue-winged Warbler . . . . .	X	-	-	-
Golden-winged Warbler . . . . .	-	-	R	-
Tennessee Warbler . . . . .	C	-	U	-
Orange-crowned Warbler . . . . .	X	-	R	-
Nashville Warbler . . . . .	C	-	U	-
Northern Parula . . . . .	U	-	U	-
Yellow Warbler . . . . .	C	C	C	-
Chestnut-sided Warbler . . . . .	C	-	C	-
Magnolia Warbler . . . . .	C	-	C	-
Cape May Warbler . . . . .	R	-	R	-
Black-throated Blue Warbler . . . . .	C	-	C	-
Yellow-rumped Warbler . . . . .	C	-	C	-
Black-throated Green Warbler . . . . .	C	-	U	-
Blackburnian Warbler . . . . .	C	-	U	-
Yellow-throated Warbler . . . . .	X	-	-	-
Pine Warbler . . . . .	U	-	U	-
Palm Warbler . . . . .	U	-	U	-
Bay-breasted Warbler . . . . .	C	-	U	-
Blackpoll Warbler . . . . .	C	-	U	-
Cerulean Warbler . . . . .	X	-	X	-
Black-and-white Warbler . . . . .	C	R	C	-
American Redstart . . . . .	C	U	C	-



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<b>WARBLERS (cont'd)</b>				
Ovenbird .....	C	U	C	-
Northern Waterthrush .....	U	-	C	-
Kentucky Warbler .....	X	-	-	-
Connecticut Warbler .....	-	-	X	-
Mourning Warbler .....	U	-	U	-
Common Yellowthroat .....	C	U	C	-
Wilson's Warbler .....	U	-	U	-
Canada Warbler .....	U	X	U	-

### **TANAGERS & GROSBEAKS**

Scarlet Tanager .....	C	-	U	-
Northern Cardinal .....	C	C	C	U
Rose-breasted Grosbeak .....	C	C	C	-

### **BUNTINGS, TOWHEES, SPARROWS & JUNCOS**

Indigo Bunting .....	U	R	U	-
Rufous-sided Towhee .....	U	-	U	-
American Tree Sparrow .....	-	-	U	C
Chipping Sparrow .....	C	C	C	-
Field Sparrow .....	C	U	U	-
Vesper Sparrow .....	U	U	U	-
Savannah Sparrow .....	C	C	C	-
Grasshopper Sparrow .....	R	R	-	-
Sharp-tailed Sparrow .....	X	-	-	-
Fox Sparrow .....	R	-	-	-
Song Sparrow .....	C	C	C	-
Lincoln's Sparrow .....	R	-	R	-
Swamp Sparrow .....	C	C	C	-
White-throated Sparrow .....	C	U	C	-
White-crowned Sparrow .....	C	-	C	-

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<b>BUNTINGS, TOWHEES SPARROWS &amp; JUNCOS (cont'd)</b>				
Dark-eyed Junco .....	C	X	U	C
Lapland Longspur .....	-	-	X	X
Snow Bunting .....	-	-	C	C
Bobolink .....	C	U	U	-
Red-winged Blackbird .....	C	C	C	-
Eastern Meadowlark .....	C	U	U	-
Rusty Blackbird .....	R	-	R	-
Brewer's Blackbird .....	-	X	-	-
Common Grackle .....	C	C	C	-
Brown-headed Cowbird .....	C	C	C	-
Orchard Oriole .....	-	X	-	-
Northern Oriole .....	C	C	C	-

### **FINCHES**

Pine Grosbeak .....	-	-	-	R
Purple Finch .....	U	X	U	R
House Finch .....	C	C	C	U
Red Crossbill .....	-	-	X	-
Common Redpoll .....	-	-	-	R
Pine Siskin .....	X	-	X	R
American Goldfinch .....	C	C	C	R
Evening Grosbeak .....	-	X	U	U

### **OLD WORLD SPARROWS**

House Sparrow .....	C	C	C	C
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